benefit the four States *viz.*, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat by way of sharing of irrigation facilities and power generation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project is facing acute shortage of funds which is hampering the completion of 101 Kms. stretch of Narmada Main Canal;

(c) whether the States have made a request to the Central Government for additional funds to ensure the completion of the project;

(d) if so, whether request of the State Government has been acceded to; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Sardar Sarovar Project is an inter-state multipurpose project on the river Narmada in Gujarat. It is a joint venture with sharing of irrigation and power from the project, among the partner States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Keeping in view the need to accelerated the construction of Narmada Main Canal and distributaries for early development of irrigation facilities in the command area of the project, the Government of India has decided to include Sardar Sarovar Project under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Under this Programme, Government of India has released Central Loan Assistance (CLA)/grant of Rs. 4887.7385 crore from the financial year 1996-97 till date.

The project or project component could be included in the programme of Central financial assistance on the basis of proposals submitted by the State Government and eligibility of the project for inclusion in the programme as per eligibility criteria under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP).

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWER TO US NO. 984 ANSWERED ON 21ST AUGUST, 2007

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Sir, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August, 2007 to Unstarred Question 984 regarding "Amendment of Indian stamp Act".

[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (Prof. P.J. Kurien) in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 296 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 s a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue):

(1) S.O. 1989 (E), dated the 27th November, 2007, publishing the Income-tax (Fifteenth Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(2) F. No. 113 (E), dated the 18th January, 2008, publishing the Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2008. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 8285/08]

Report and Accounts (2005-06) of M/s Utkal Ashok Hotel Corporation Ltd. and related papers

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table.

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Twenty-third Annual Report and Accounts of M/s Utkal Ashok Hotel Corporation Limited, for the year 2005-2006, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 8227/08]

Notification of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, S. O. 2104 (E) dated the 7th December, 2007, regarding establishment of a tribunal to decide the dispute under section 10A of the Act in the matter of election to the Council of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India held in June 2007, under section 40 of the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 8271/08]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs Notification No. 1-CA (7)/104/2007 dated the 8th October, 2007, regarding the establishment of the Disciplinary Directorate, under section 30B of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 8270/08]

Notification of the Ministryof Finance (Department of Revenue)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. 2 (E), dated the 1st January, 2008, publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Rules, 2007, under section 77 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 8286/08]